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Sir:

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1. Application - 36 pages, including 4 independent claims and 4 claims total.
2. Preliminary Amendment.
3. Drawings - 9 sheets of formal drawings containing 9 figures.
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